

Lawyers Building

aka American Title Building

Address: 139-45 Cadillac Square

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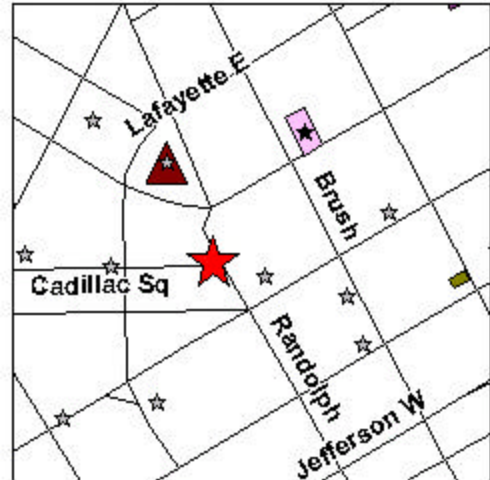
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Historic Overview:

The Lawyers Building is significant as the finest unaltered Chicago Style high-rise office building in Detroit. It is notable as one of the few office buildings to reject a heavy overlay of historically derived ornamentation and strive for modernism. The Lawyers Building is historically relevant as the first building erected in the Barlum family's attempt to rebuild the Cadillac Square area. Catering primarily to middle class tenants, many of the spaces were rented to unions and benevolent organizations. One of these, the A.F.L's Waiter and Waitress Union, went on strike against the Barlum Hotel while renting space in their office building.

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